Special Issue

Non-Native Species in Forest Ecosystems

Message from the Guest Editors

Forest invasive species are any species that are non-native to a particular forest ecosystem and whose introduction and dissemination causes, or is likely to cause, environmental, economic, and even health impacts (adapted from the FAO, 2015). Managing invasive species and their pathways, as well as preventing new introductions of species with known invasive potential, requires novel tools and coordinated efforts by many actors at national, regional, and global levels (the FAO and UNEP, 2020; IPBES 2023). The current Special Issue focuses on the **following topics**:

- Research on invasive alien species in forest ecosystems.
- The management and control of invasive alien species in sustainable forestry.
- The sustainable use of non-native trees in forestry.
- The conservation of red-listed tree species.
- Early warning systems.
- Legislation and policy on pathways and vectors, transboundary movements.
- National inventories and checklists of alien species in forest ecosystems.
- Risk analysis and risk assessments in forest ecosystems.
- Non-native species distribution modeling in forest ecosystems.
- Global and regional databases.
- Awareness raising on forest invasive species.

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